

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROYUKI OCHIAI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KATZ, V  
SERIAL NO: 10/560,173 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 6, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1794  
FOR: TURBINE COMPONENT, GAS :  
TURBINE ENGINE, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING TURBINE  
COMPONENT, SURFACE PROCESSING  
METHOD, VANE COMPONENT, METAL  
COMPONENT, AND STEAM TURBINE  
ENGINE

ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election requirement dated June 12, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 56-58, 69-70, 72-73 and 75, drawn to a method for production of surface treated component of a turbine engine. Further, Applicants elect Species comprising SiO<sub>2</sub>, and identify Claims 56-58 and 72-73 as corresponding to the elected species, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 56-58 and 72-73 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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